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INFANT/TODDLER UNITS

If food preparation occurs, shall have a sink for food preparation separate from the diapering hand washing sink. [19 CSR 30-60.090 (3) (F), 19 CSR 30-62.052 (1) (B)]

When food preparation takes place in the infant/toddler unit (preparation of cereal, formula, etc.) a food preparation sink is required. It can only be used for food preparation. This sink shall be separate from the diapering hand washing sink by at least 18 inches. Existing sinks less than 18" apart can be approved if effective splash shields are in place between food preparation sinks and hand washing sinks. No hand washing can take place at the food preparation sink. The 18" will be determined by measuring from the nearest outside rim of the sink to the spigot of the other sink. The hand-washing sink must be labeled as such. If infant/toddler unit food is prepared in other approved food preparation space this requirement does not apply.

Reason

Diapering hand-washing sinks are contaminated with fecal material. If the same sink is used to prepare food, contamination from fecal material will occur. These activities should occur in separate sinks to prevent contamination.

Correction Time Frame

The practice of preparing food using the diapering hand washing sink in the infant/toddler room must be stopped upon notification. Food preparation shall occur in an approved food prep area until the proper equipment is installed in the infant/toddler unit.

Utensils used in the infant/toddler unit washed, rinsed and sanitized after each use with proper methods and equipment. [19 CSR 30-60.090 (3) (F), 19 CSR 30-62.052 (1) (B)]

If utensils are washed in the infant/toddler unit, the proper equipment must be used for sanitizing. The required equipment will be based on the capacity of the infant/toddler unit. Refer to [subsections](#) regarding 20 children or less to determine the type of equipment required. The diapering hand washing sink cannot be used for utensil washing, rinsing or sanitizing. Infant/toddler utensils may be washed, rinsed and sanitized in approved dish washing facilities located in other parts of the facility.

Reason

Utensils may become contaminated with fecal material if washed in a hand sink used at the diapering surface.

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Correction Time Frame

Utensil washing shall be done in an approved area until the proper equipment is installed in the infant/toddler unit.